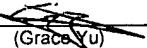
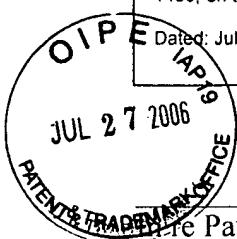


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination and is in response to the final Office Action mailed February 27, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two-months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 27, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.